STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: George Douglas Bates

FILE NO. 1100087

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

TO RESPONDENT:

George Douglas Bates (CRD #1539381)

5823 Inverness Drive Rockford, IL 61107

C/O Bates Financial Advisors, INC.

Attn: Director of Compliance

8437 Northern Ave Rockford, IL 61107

C/O Bates Securities, Inc. Attn: Director of Compliance

8437 Northern Ave-Rockford, IL 61107

TO THE HEARING

Soula J. Spyropoulos

OFFICER:

4125 West Lunt Street

Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712

WHEREAS, at the time of the Amended Notice of Hearing, the Illinois Department of Revenue's ("Department of Revenue") records indicated an outstanding tax assessment of a tax administered by the Department of Revenue;

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Revenue has released such tax assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, by and through his duly designated representative, has determined that the Amended Notice of Hearing entered on March 21, 2011 may be dismissed against the Respondent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: The Amended Notice of Hearing entered on March 21, 2011 against the Respondent George Douglas Bates in this matter is dismissed without prejudice. w Water /

Dated. This 11th day of April 2011.

Secretary of State

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